

Remarks/Arguments

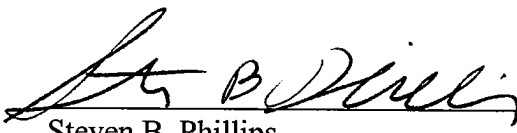
Claims 1-48 were in the application, of which claims 30-48 had been previously withdrawn. Claims 30-48 have now been cancelled herein. Claims 1-29 will be pending for consideration after entry of this amendment. A fee is due for a one-month extension of time and is enclosed. A terminal disclaimer fee is due and enclosed. If the Applicants have miscalculated the fee, you are authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment to deposit account 13-4365.

The only objection or rejection the Examiner has made in her most recent office action is for non-statutory, obviousness type double patenting in view of, at least in part, prior, commonly-assigned U.S. Patents 6,261,929 and 6,376,339. An appropriate terminal disclaimer is included herewith. Applicants note that the undersigned attorney is of record in this application by way of an express power of attorney from the assignee filed in the priority application on August 6, 2001.

Applicants believe they have responded to all of the concerns raised by the Examiner. Reconsideration of this application as amended is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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